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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Scott E. Boatman

Serial No.: 10/691,014

Filing Date: October 21, 2003

For: NATURAL TISSUE STENT

Examiner: Suzette Jamie Jackson

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below.